

RARITAN VALLEY ARTS ASSOCIATION est. 1939

MARCH 2003 NEWSLETTER

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Snowflake (still) Greetings!

We are having a real Winter! Hope you're enjoying painting snow landscapes or children sledding or cardinals and tufted titmouses (gotta love that little bird-the tufted titmouse). Hope everyone is well! I appreciate the good wishes I've received after my knee operation--I guess I'll have to be really careful walking through winter! But you won't have a care in the world when you attend our next RVAA meeting, Monday, March 17th, 7:30 p.m. at the Somerset County Library. Celebrate St. Paddy's Day with a real treat-----Arville Pustrom-Uus will be with us again! Those of you who have seen Arville demo knows she always has a lot to give, and many of you are familiar with her award-winning lush landscapes and florals. This time Arville will do a snow scene in oil. Nothing could be more appropriate! Thanks to Program Chairperson Debbie Tintle and Linda Arnold for having her come! Thanks also to Nina Guerriero and Artie Dunn who will be providing refreshments for the meeting.

We are grateful to Judy Hummer, Chairperson of our show presently at the Somerset Cultural & Heritage Commission Gallery (Somerset County Administration Building), Grove St., Somerville, and also to Mary Creasy, who ably assisted Judy in this venture. Do try to see the show, which is up until April 16th. The theme--"March into Spring with RVAA."

BIG APPLE TRIP IS ALMOST HERE! We are once again thankful that Debbie Hughes is Chairperson of our wonderful annual bus trip to New York City. The date is Saturday, April 26th. Once again we will meet at the Somerset County Library's upper parking lot (near the VoTech School). Please arrive by 8:45 a.m. and the comfortable (with restroom) bus will transport us to the Metropolitan Museum of Art where you may either spend all day, or be picked up at 3:00 to go to the Salmagundi Club (for the annual AWS Juried Art Exhibit) and/or the Forbes Museum. The bus will then pick up those who remained at the Met at 4:30 and the rest of us at 5 at the Salmagundi. Drinks and snacks will be provided for the ride home. We should be back in Bridgewater around 6:00. The cost of all this luxurious taxi-ing about and service is only \$25! Please send a check made out to RVAA to Debbie Hughes, 255 Falmouth Place, Bridgewater, 08807, ASAP. Guests are certainly invited to come along for the fun. This is always such a great trip! Further info? Debbie's at 908/725-4639.

There is still time to enter the Juried Art Show at the Bernardsville

Public Library, April 1-30. Slides must be submitted for consideration by Thursday, March 20th. For more information and an application, please contact Kathy Palmer at 908/766-1576. Oil, pastel, watercolor, and acrylic framed paintings, and original prints will be accepted. There is no entry fee. And once again Lamington Presbyterian Church is having their spring show; if you are interested in an application form, please phone the church at 908/439-2629.

#### MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

DEBBIE HUGHES was not only accepted into the Juried Exhibition at Johnson & Johnson Corporate Headquarters, she was awarded Honorable Mention for her work "Winter Light".

SONJA WEIR was featured in the STAR LEDGER on January 23rd, 2003. Sonja also was awarded the Peter Matulavage Memoria Award at the juried American Artists Professional League Grand National Exhibition at the Salmagundi Club, N.Y.C. in November, 2002. Sonja had two paintings accepted into the juried watercolor Show at the Somerset Cultural & Heritage Gallery and also won the Lightment Memorial Award at the Salmagundi Club Members' Exhibition 2003.

Please, RVAA members, we all want to hear your news. Drop your editor a note!